

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure and Claim 1 because the phrase "stalk-like" is indefinite. Accordingly, the Abstract of the Disclosure and Claim 1 have now been amended.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6-10, and 12 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 504 639 A1 to Arnold. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4, 5, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has now been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2, 6, 8, 9, and 11 and these claims have now been cancelled. Claims 4 and 12 have also been amended to depend from claim 1. It should also be noted that claim 1 has been amended to require at least two intake and mowing arrangements. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendment claims 1, 3-5, 7, 10 and 12 are now in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

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